

Engineer inspects TMI crane

Dressed in three sets of protective clothing, five pairs of footwear and nine pairs of gloves, Gregory R. Eidam joined the 14-member entry team for the fifth visit inside the Three Mile Island Unit-2 containment.

Eidam, an EG&G Idaho project engineer assigned to the TMI Technical Integration Office since January 1980, inspected the polar crane and head reactor vessel during the entry December 11.

"I was in the containment for two hours with a GPU (General Public Utilities Corporation, owner of the TMI facility) health physics technician," Eidam said during a recent interview. "There was nothing unexpected."

Eidam's major effort was to inspect the polar crane that travels inside the domed containment building. "We took the stairs up (from the 347-foot or operating floor level) and climbed



GREGORY EIDAM, an EG&G Idaho project engineer assigned to the Technical Integration Office at Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania, joined the fifth team to enter the Unit-2 containment and assisted them in examining the polar crane and the top of the reactor vessel.



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the crane access ladder between the two crane box beams," he said. "We took radiation readings and did a visual inspection of the crane."

"The crane looked rusty; as were the couplings and the rails. It appeared to be in structurally good condition."

Before climbing to the polar crane, Eidam helped photograph conditions on the 347-foot level. He watched two other team members as they climbed down from the auxiliary fuel handling bridge to the top of the reactor vessel. "We were on the buddy system, maintaining visual contact while working inside the containment," Eidam said.

According to Harold Burton, Manager of the TIO, refurbishment of the TMI-2 polar crane is an extremely important activity in the TMI-2 Information and Examination Program managed by the EG&G/TIO. "It represents a critical path activity to early examination of the reactor core and removal of the reactor vessel head, both key recovery program milestones," stated Burton. Eidam is scheduled to join the seventh containment entry team in early March for mechanical and electrical inspections of the crane and its components.

Employees, contractors earn UW plaudits

INEL employees continue to receive recognition for contributions to the 1980-81 United Way Campaign of Bonneville County. At the recent United Way Awards presentations, INEL contractors and several individual employees were honored with special awards.

ANL-W, Catalytic, EG&G Idaho, ENICO and Westinghouse each received Gold Awards for the most outstanding employee campaigns. This was the first year Catalytic and Westinghouse were recipients of this award. However, it was ANL-W's and ENICO's second year and EG&G Idaho's third.

The Silver Appreciation Award went to Craig Davies, WEC, and Bob McCullough, INEL United Way chairman and, at the time of the campaign, president of ENICO.

Several INEL employees were singled out to receive the People Helping People Award. They were: Cheryl Haskell, Catalytic; Judith Koerner, ANL-W; Beverly Macaulay, ENICO; Rezk Mohamed, EG&G Idaho Communities Campaign 1981 chairman; and George Peterson, WEC.

Terry Brooks, ANL-W, and Dean Wilkie, EG&G Idaho, received the Special Award for their services in the loaned executive program.

The goal of the 1980-81 campaign was \$424,969; the total at the close of the campaign was \$425,763.

Wilkins featured speaker

Dr. J. Ernest Wilkins, Jr. will be the featured speaker at the Fifth Annual People, Incorporated Banquet, Saturday, Feb. 14. Wilkins is deputy general manager, Science and Engineering, EG&G Idaho.

The banquet, held each year sometime during Black History Week (the second week in February), will be at the Little Tree Inn in the Teton Room. The evening's festivities begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. followed by dinner, the program and a dance.

For reservations, or more information, contact Duwayne Patterson, 522-4172, after 5:30 p.m.



A CERTIFICATE OF General Proficiency in Quality Assurance was awarded Ronald Crossley, ENICO. Dr. Fred Tingey, director of the University of Idaho, Idaho Falls Center of Higher Education, presented Crossley with the certificate Dec. 22, 1980. Crossley, a member of the American Society of Quality Control, is a senior quality control engineer at INEL.

A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank all the wonderful people who contributed in every way in the aftermath of my home burning on December 20, 1980.

God Bless You All.

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Catalytic*



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